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GOVERNOR PATRICK APPOINTS WORCESTER RESIDENT TO TURNPIKE AUTHORITY BOARD

Appointment Marks Progress in Transportation Leadership

BOSTON - Friday, August 17, 2007 - Governor Deval Patrick today announced the appointment of Worcester attorney Michael P. Angelini to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) Board of Directors, filling the seat vacated by Transportation Secretary Bernard Cohen when he was elevated to Chairman of the MTA Board.

"Mike is a recognized leader with the vision and talent to help ensure our transportation network is safe and efficient, improving the lives of our residents and creating an environment that benefits our economy," Governor Patrick said.

Angelini, 65, is a past president of the Worcester County Bar Association, a former member of the state's Judicial Nominating Committee and a member of the former Supreme Judicial Court search committee.

"I am honored that Governor Patrick has chosen me to serve on the Board of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority," said Angelini. "I look forward to working with Secretary Cohen and the other board members to ensure that drivers have access to a high-quality transportation system that they both need and deserve."

Specializing in business trial and transaction work, Angelini has been practicing law since 1968 when he graduated from Duke University School of Law. He has his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University.

"As the turnpike authority moves to refocus attention on its core business of providing an outstanding toll road, Mr. Angelini's appointment ensures that vital transition will continue," said state Transportation Secretary Bernard Cohen. "He also brings to the board the perspective of a Worcester commuter, which is invaluable as the authority re-enforces its commitment to all turnpike customers."

Angelini is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is the winner of the 2005 Isaiah Thomas Award, given out annually to a Worcester citizen for community leadership. Angelini and his wife, also an attorney, have three children ages 19 to 33.

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